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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN FONMIN PEACOCK TO
JAKARTA

BEGIN SUMMARY: AUSTRALIAN FONMIN PEACOCK VISITED JAKARTA
JAN. 19-20 AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR GOI LEADERS
ON ASEAN, THE TIMOR SITUATION, AND OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES.
PEACOCK STRESSED AUSTRALIAN DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT IN EAST TIMOR AND NECESSITY FOR AUSTRALIA AND
INDONESIA TO SPEAK FRANKLY TO EACH OTHER IN DISCUSSING
REGIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. AUSTRALIAN FONMIN PEACOCK MADE TWO DAY VISIT TO
JAKARTA JAN. 19-20 AND CALLED ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO,
FONMIN ADAM MALIK, DEFMIN GEN. PANGGABEAN, AND PARLIAMENTARY
LEADERS. HE TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD ENJOYED FRIENDLY AND
COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ASEAN, LAW OF THE SEA,
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REGIONAL COOPERATION, ASEAN OBJECTIVE OF ZONE OF PEACE,

FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY, AS WELL AS EVENTS IN TIMOR. IN TALK WITH SUHARTO, VISIT OF PM FRASER (PLANNED FOR SHORTLY BEFORE OR AFTER ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING IN LATE FEB.) WAS DISCUSSED.

2. IN COMMENTS TO NEWSMEN, PEACOCK STRESSED AUSTRALIA'S VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, END TO BLOODSHED, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GENUINE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN EAST TIMOR. HE HOPED HUMANITARIAN AID TO PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR FROM AUSTRALIA UNDER AUSPICES OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COULD BE RESUMED SHORTLY, AND ALSO HOPED UN COULD PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

3. PEACOCK SAID HE APPRECIATED LONG, FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH MALIK AND ADDED THAT AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA SHOULD SPEAK FRANKLY TO EACH OTHER. HE HOPED THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD CONTINUE WITH SAME FRANKNESS WHEN HE VISITS INDONESIA AGAIN IN MARCH AND THAT BY THEN BOTH SIDES WOULD SEE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF TIMOR PROBLEM.

4. PEACOCK SAID HE ASKED MALIK ABOUT ROGER EAST, AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST WHO HAD DISAPPEARED IN TIMOR, AND WAS TOLD THAT SERIOUS INQUIRIES WERE BEING MADE BUT NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. PEACOCK COMMENTED THAT IT WAS NATURAL THAT INDONESIA AND AUSTRALIA WOULD HAVE DIFFERENT ATTITUDES ON SOME ISSUES, BUT RECENT DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF LONG-TERM IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS TO BOTH COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TO REGION AS A WHOLE.
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